

DICK CAMPBELL
presents
THE ROSE McCLENDON PLAYERS



in
"BOOKER T. WASHINGTON"

by
WILLIAM M. ASHEY

at
The Rose McClendon Workshop

Located in the N.Y. Public Library -- Harlem Branch
9 West 124th Street

March 27 to April 13, 1940, 8:45 P.M.

No performance, Sun., Mon., Tues.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR AUDIENCE

Dear Audience:

It is with a feeling of great pride that we offer tonight's play based on the life of Booker T. Washington, for it not only marks a milestone in the progress of the Rose McClendon Players, but it also represents an epoch of great importance in the development of Negro Drama.

It is generally assumed that the function of the theatre is primarily to entertain, and while this is true to a great extent, it is regrettable that the Negro Theatre has practically been limited to this capacity. For as we turn back the pages of History and recall the colorful biographies of Frederick Douglass, Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth and scores of others who heroically laid the groundwork of American Negro civilization, we can't refrain from thinking how packed with dramatic content their lives must have been! It is our belief, therefore, that the Theatre represents a social force second only in importance to the Church from whence it springs, and that it should serve to propagate the history and culture of our race.

We take this opportunity to introduce our Playwright, Mr. William M. Ashby, who through inspiration for his subject, found time from his many pressing duties as Executive Director of the Springfield, Ill., Urban League to fashion the noble ideology of Booker T. Washington into a play.

We likewise congratulate Mr. Arthur Wilson who through his admiration for Booker T. Washington, and his keen interest in the work of The Rose McClendon Players, has volunteered the portrayal of the title role. It is a spirit such as Mr. Wilson and his fellow professional, Miss Charola Williams, have shown that brings closer to hand our objective—A Community Theatre for Harlem.

We are immensely grateful to the white characters who gave unstintingly of their time and talent, and it is this exemplification of inter-racial good-will that inspires a fellowship of like purpose.

Last, but by no means least we are appreciative of your presence here. It is very encouraging to have you come to our Workshop so enthusiastically, and to tell others about our plays, as you have done so magnificently, and we salute our Subscribers, the New York-Hampton Club, The Harlem Nurses Alumni, The Flower Guild of The Church of The Master, The New York-Tuskegee Club, and The New York Girl Friends Club who have helped to make the production of this play a reality through their sponsorship. Let us in the words of Booker T. Washington, "Cast Down Our Buckets Where We Are," right here in Harlem and through concerted effort make our Community a finer and more cultured place in which to live.

CREDITS

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"BOOKER T. WASHINGTON"

Staged by Mr. Campbell

Settings Suggested by Perry Watkins

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(In order of appearance)

HENRY BELL	Gene Toney
MAGGIE WASHINGTON	Christola Williams
WARREN LOGAN	Fred O'Neal
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON	Arthur Wilson
AUNT CAROLINE	Mary Davenport
WILLIAM H. BALDWIN	Nathaniel Wynn
EDGAR GARDNER MURPHY	Dick Campbell
REV. PEMBROKE PETTIGREW	Fred Carter
RAY DAWSON	Don Fisher
GOV. BULLOCK	J. B. Smith
EMMETT J. SCOTT	G. Alfred Woods
ANDREW CARNEGIE	Stanley Klein
FRES. THEODORE ROOSEVELT	David Keith
ROBERT C. OGDEN	Thomas Hightower
T. T. FORTUNE	Peter Page
LEWIS WILLIAMS	Phil Carter
B. T. WILSON	Dudley Cobham
FRED KILBRIDE	Ossie Davis
TENSUKE HONADA	John DeBattie
NURSE	Sara Johnson

Students, Singers, Church Members: Roberta Bosley, Helen Martin, Lucile Wilson, Elsie Pich (soloist), Margaret Lee, Maryette Bradford, Joseph McFadden, Elsie Cobham, Edith Hill, Chas. Hunter, and Margaret Jordan.

STAFF FOR ROSE McCLENDON PLAYERS

Director	DICK CAMPBELL
Asst. Director	MURIEL RAHN
Art Director and House Manager	EDITH HILL
Make-Up and Technical Director	NATHANIEL WYNN
Stage Manager	FRED O'NEAL
Properties	OSIE DAVIS and GENE TONEY
Advisor	MISS CAROLYN G. THORNE

ACT ONE

- SCENE I—Mr. Washington's Office, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., 1890.
 SCENE II—Same as Scene I. Five years later. Spoken.
 SCENE III—Ann-rooms of Auditorium, Atlanta Cotton States Exposition, Sept., 1895.
 SCENE IV—Speakers' Rostrum, Atlanta Exposition. A few minutes later.

ACT TWO

- SCENE I—A Corridor in the White House, Washington, Sept. 1901.
 SCENE II—A Room in the Home of William H. Baldwin, Oct. 1901.

ACT THREE

- SCENE I—The Talented Tenth Banquet Hall in Boston, 1904.
 SCENE II—A Small Church, New Haven, Conn., Oct. 23, 1913.
 SCENE III—A Hospital Corridor, New York City, Nov. 1915.

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